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Sir:

A Petition and Fee for a five-month Extension of Time through and including August 7, 2006 accompanies this Election.

In response to the Office Communication dated February 6, 2006 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to the following species, without traverse:

For Election I (claims 2-5 and 20-23), Applicants elect silicon as the precursor-forming element. Applicants also elect methoxy for R groups R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> and elect alkyl moieties and their derivatives for R group R<sub>4</sub>;

For Election II (claims 6, 7, 24, and 25), Applicants elect isocyanates as the dendrimer substrate;

For Election IV (claim 9), Applicants elect bis(trimethoxysilylethyl)-benzene as the stabilizing agent.

An Information Disclosure Statement is also being submitted with this Election.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

Respectfully submitted,



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